

Misses. I do not love Miss Fortune— To her art I bid defiance, And I never should importune To a marriage Miss Alliance.

MRS. CAUDLE'S CURTAIN LECTURES.

Continued from our last issue. THE LAST LECTURE.

MRS. CAUDLE HAS TAKEN COLD—THE FLEETNESS OF THIN SHOES.

"I'm not going to contradict you, Caudle; you may say what you like, but I think I ought to know my own feelings better than you."

"I don't wish to upbraid you neither; I'm too ill for that; but it's not getting wet in thin shoes; oh, no! it's my mind, Caudle, my mind, that's killing me. Oh, yes! I'm indeed—you think I will cure a woman of anything; and you know, too, how I hate it. I don't mean to say that; but when you talk in that way about thin shoes, a woman says, of course, what she doesn't mean; she can't help it. You've always gone on about my shoes, when I think I'm the fittest judge of what becomes me best. I dare say, —it would be all the same to you if I put on ploughman's boots; but I'm not going to make a figure of my feet, I can tell you. I've never got cold with the shoes I've worn yet, and it isn't likely I should begin now."

"No, Caudle; I wouldn't wish to say anything to accuse you; no, goodness knows, I wouldn't make you uncomfortable for the world—but the cold I've got ten years ago, I have never said anything about it—but it has never left me. Yes, ten years ago the day before yesterday. How can I recollect it? Oh, very well; women remember things you never think of; poor souls! They're good cause to do so. Ten years ago, I was sitting up for you—there now, I'm not going to say anything to vex you, only do let me speak; ten years ago, I was waiting for you, and I fell asleep, and the fire went out, and when I woke I found I was sitting right in the draught of the key-hole. That was my death, Caudle, though don't let that make you uneasy, love; for I don't think that you meant to do it."

"But it's all very well for you to call it non-sense; and to lay your ill conduct upon my shoes. That's like a man, exactly! There never was a man yet that killed his wife, who couldn't give a good reason for it. No; I don't mean to say that you've killed me; quite the reverse; still, there's never been a day that I haven't felt that keyhole. What? Why won't you have a doctor? What's the use of a doctor? Why should I put you to the expense? Besides, I dare say you'll do very well without me, Caudle; yes, after a very little time, you won't miss me much—no man ever does."

"Feggy tells me Miss Prettyman called to-day. What of it? Nothing, of course. Yes, I know she heard I was ill, and that's why she came. A little indecent, I think, Mr. Caudle; she might wait; I shouldn't be in her way long; she may soon have the key of the caddy now."

"Ha! Mr. Caudle, what's the use of your calling me your dearest soul now? Well, I do believe you. I dare say you do mean it; that is, I hope you do. Nevertheless, you can't expect I can be quiet in this bed, and think of that young woman—not, indeed, that she's near so young as she gives herself out. I hear no malice towards her, Caudle—not the least. Still I don't think I could lie at peace in my grave if—well, I won't say anything more about her; but you know what I mean."

"I think dear mother would keep house beautifully for you when I'm gone. Well, I won't talk in that way if you desire it. Still I know I've a dreadful cold; though I won't allow it for a minute to be the shoes—certainly not. I never would wear 'em thick, and you know it, and they never gave me a cold yet. No, dearest Caudle, it's ten years ago that did it; not that I'll say a syllable of the matter to hurt you. I'd be first."

"Mother, you see, knows all your little ways; and you wouldn't get another wife to study you and pet you up as I've done—a second wife never does; it isn't likely she should. And after all, we've been very happy. It hasn't been my fault, if we've ever had a word too, for you couldn't help now and then being aggravating; nobody can help their tempers always—especially men. Still, we've been very happy—haven't we, Caudle?"

"Good-night. Yes—this cold does tear me to pieces; but for all that, it isn't the shoes. God bless you, Caudle; no—it's not the shoes. I won't say it's the key-hole; but again I say, it's not the shoes. God bless you once more—But never say it's the shoes!"

"I can hardly see, think, be imagined that Mrs. Caudle, during her fatal illness, never mixed amusement with soothing as before; but such fragmentary lectures were, doubtless, considered by her disconsolate widower as having too touching, too solemn an import to be vulgarized by type. They were, however, printed on the heart of Caudle; for he never ceased to speak of the late partner of his bed but as either "his sainted creature," or "that angel now in Heaven."

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Second—150,000 pounds of Iron Castings, for the workshop for making of stops, plugs, etc., from patterns approved by the Chief Engineer, or furnished by the Department.

Third—50,000 pounds of Brass Castings for the workshop, for forges, plugs, stops, etc., from patterns furnished by the Department.

Fourth—50,000 pounds of Lead, for laying pipes. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer.

PROPOSALS. PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURAL LAND SERIP FOR SALE. The Board of Commissioners now offer for sale TWO THIRDS AND TWO SEVENTHS OF THE SAND ACRES of Agricultural College Land Serip, being the balance of the Serip granted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges in this State.

PROPOSALS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THIS LAND SERIP, addressed to the Board of Commissioners, Agricultural Land Serip, will be received at the Surveyor-General's Office, at HARRISBURG, until 11 o'clock A. M., on WEDNESDAY, April 10, 1867.

This land may be located in any State or Territory, by the holders of the serip upon any of the unappropriated lands (except mineral lands) of the United States, which may be subject to sale at private entry. Each piece of serip represents a quarter section of one hundred and sixty acres, to be located in a block, and will be transferred without endorsement or formal assignment. The bank need not be filled until the serip is presented for location and entry, when the party holding it can fill the blank, and enter the land in his own name. Bids must be made as per acre, and no bids will be received for less than one acre.

The Serip will be issued immediately on the payment of the money to the Surveyor-General on all bids for a less acre, and the remaining two-thirds within thirty days after notification of the acceptance of the bid or bids by the Board of Commissioners.

JACOB M. CAMPBELL, Surveyor-General, Harrisburg, February 27, 1867. [34 14 10]

OFFICE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, February 4, 1867. Proposals will be received at the Office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Philadelphia, until the first day of MARCH, inclusive (unless a satisfactory proposal should be received and accepted previously, from responsible parties desiring to contract with the Company for the establishment of a direct line of steamships between Philadelphia and Liverpool, and for the sale of the same or other property.

Blank forms of proposals, with detailed information, will be furnished upon application to the Chief Engineer, J. C. SMITH, Secretary, 27 13

GOVERNMENT SALES. BUREAU OF ORDNANCE, NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON CITY, March 15, 1867. There will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, at the office of the Inspector of Ordnance, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on FRIDAY, the 30th of MARCH, 1867, at 10 o'clock A. M., the following articles of Ordnance, embracing Shot and Shell, Bomb-shells, hundred (700) Cartridges, breech loaders, about twenty-five hundred (2500) Muskets, rifled and smooth bore, Gun Carriages and other stores. The articles will be sold in lots.

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LEGAL NOTICES. IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. Estate of HENRY E. KURTZ, Deceased. The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the account of ALFRED D. KURTZ, Executor of the will of HENRY E. KURTZ, deceased, do hereby report distribution of the balance of the estate of the said HENRY E. KURTZ, deceased, for the purpose of his appointment on MONDAY, April 1, 1867, at 10 o'clock A. M., at his office, No. 290 N. FIFTH STREET, in the city of Philadelphia. GEORGE W. THORN, Auditor. 2 21 11 11

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. Estate of CHARLES HUBBURN, Deceased. The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the account of NEIL McALEENY, Executor of the will of CHARLES HUBBURN, deceased, do hereby report distribution of the balance of the estate of the said CHARLES HUBBURN, deceased, for the purpose of his appointment on FRIDAY, April 1, 1867, at 10 o'clock P. M., at his office, No. 12 S. FOURTH STREET, in the city of Philadelphia. J. HOWARD GENDRELL, Auditor. 2 21 11 11

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